

Letter from Gertrude McCurdy Hubbard to Alexander Graham Bell, November 20, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Gertrude M. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. G.M.H. New York, Nov. 20th. (1876?) Dear Alec:

Is it not pleasant to feel sure that May is so happy and so much interested in the new scenes through which she is passing. Mr. Hubbard writes that he thinks she enjoys quite as much as any of the party. I send you her letter received this morning, even if it tells you no news you will be glad to see it. What a mistake we should have made had we allowed our fears to keep her at home. This week we will think of them all at San Francisco, next week they will turn their steps homeward. I hope they may have fine weather for the mountain scenery on their return. A rainy foggy day under such circumstances is a real disappointment.

Berta and Grace arrived safely. They brought a message from you in regard to the priority of your invention. How have you been assured of it, and can you prove it satisfactorily for others? I congratulate you most affectionately upon every step of your progress, but I know I am impatient and shall not be content until the invention is perfect and the reward secured. By the way, what has become of the award from Philadelphia. You must have it ready for Mabel on her return.

My mother continues the same. Dr. Markee scarcely encourages us to hope for any improvement. It is a great comfort that she is spared suffering and seems so cheerful. My poor father bears up 2 wonderfully and his attentions are unwearied. I never saw anything so touching and beautiful as their affection for each other. Should the time of separation come I hardly think my father could survive it.

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With much love, Affectionately yours, Gertrude M. Hubbard.